

The Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) turned 20 years old. AFIS revolutionized the area of fingerprint identification. To mark this anniversary, the Criminal Justice Information Services Division hosted an open house on January 13, 2010.

On January 23, 2010, Sergeant Timothy D. Peters arrived at the scene of a traffic crash on Missouri Route BB in Laclede County. A passenger car was lying on its side partially submerged in the rain-swollen creek. Sgt. Peters saw a civilian attempting to remove a man from the vehicle. He immediately entered the swift moving water, which was well over his waist, and made his way to the scene. Sgt. Peters and the civilian grabbed the driver and pulled together. When the man came free from the vehicle, all three men were swept away from the car into the middle of the stream by the swift current. The civilian went under water, so Sgt. Peters pulled him up, allowing him to gasp for air. Then, he had to do the same for the driver. Lifting these men above the water caused Sgt. Peters to become submerged. Working together, the three men were able to make their way to shore. The driver recovered from the crash.

On January 24, 2010, heavy rain fell in the Troop G area. This caused extreme flooding,



This display showed the progression from the ink and roller method of fingerprinting people in the early years to the livescan computerized way of capturing fingerprints used today.



Colonel Ronald K. Replogle

which made low water bridges impassable. A sport utility vehicle was swept into the swift water of Bryant Creek in Douglas County. The water, which was over four feet deep and continuing to rise, carried the vehicle approximately 20 feet from the bridge. The responding fire department determined it lacked the resources to make an immediate rescue. Thus, Trooper Justin D. Piccinino secured a rope around his chest and entered the water, which immediately carried him downstream to the vehicle. He secured the driver with the rope and swam downstream to the shore. Both recovered from the incident.

Colonel James F. Keathley retired effective March 1, 2010, after more than 33 years of dedicated service.

Governor Jay Nixon promoted Ronald K. "Ron" Replogle to the rank of colonel and appointed him the 21st superintendent of the Patrol effective March 1, 2010.

The Patrol honored 13 employees at its annual banquet in Columbia, MO, in April 2010. Corporal Douglas M. McDaniel, Troop E, accepted the Benjamin Oliver Booth Officer Of The Year award.

Fingerprint Technician Supervisor Tammy R. Byrd, Q/CJISD, accepted the Civilian Of The Year award. Trooper Dewey K. Heppe, Troop E, accepted a Valor award. (see page 137.)

On April 28, 2010, Trooper Donald L. Doza, Troop F, arrived at the scene of an injury traffic crash on Interstate 70 at the 113-mile marker in Cooper County. A white van pulling a camper trailer had collided with the end of a guardrail, causing the camper trailer to jackknife. Tpr. Doza found an unconscious, older gentleman in the driver's seat.



President Barak Obama visited Missouri in 2010.

He attempted to remove the gentleman from the vehicle. After much exertion, and with gasoline gathering under his feet and propane tanks exploding behind him, Tpr. Doza was finally able to free the driver from the burning vehicle. Cooper County Chief David Gehm and Tpr. Doza pulled the man over the guardrail and into the ditch just as the camper exploded again and his van became engulfed in flames. The driver recovered. Tpr. Doza was treated at University Hospital for cuts on his arms and hands, and smoke inhalation. Tpr. Doza was named Department of Public Safety Employee of the Month for July 2010, and Missouri State Employee of the Month for August 2010.

President Barack Obama traveled through portions of Troop B as part of his "White House To Main Street" tour. On April 28, 2010, President Obama visited POET Bio-refining, which is east of Macon, MO. Over 90 uniformed members from Troops B, C, F, H, and General Headquarters were part of the president security detail.



Governor Jay Nixon signs HB 1868, thus shifting the Missouri State Water Patrol to the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

The Patrol, MoDOT's Office of Highway Safety, and the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety worked together to create a video showing what a driver should do if the wheels of their vehicle drop off the edge of the roadway. This video was an Internet release.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police selected the Missouri State Highway Patrol to receive the 7th Annual IACP-iXP Excellence in Technology Award during a ceremony on May 24, 2010. This award recognizes law enforcement agencies for their superior achievement and innovation in the field of communication and information technology.

On June 2 and 3, 2010, Missouri's Governor Jay Nixon visited the Patrol's General Headquarters (Jefferson City), Troop C area (Weldon Spring), Troop D area (Carthage), and Troop E area (Sikeston) to sign into law House Bill 1695/1742/1674. This new legislation does the following:

- Allows law enforcement officers to require a commercial vehicle driver suspected of an intoxicated driving offense to take a chemical test even if they refuse;
- Increases the reporting requirements for all law enforcement agencies regarding arrest information for intoxication-related traffic offenses; and
- Increases the investigation window at the scene of a traffic crash where intoxication is suspected.

On June 30, 2010, in the sunshine on Lake of the Ozarks' Public Beach #2, Governor Jay Nixon signed HB 1868, thus shifting the Missouri State Water Patrol to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. It will be known as the Water Patrol Division. There was no reduction in the number of Water Patrol or Highway Patrol officers. The bill went into effect January 1, 2011.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol formed a partnership with Con-way Freight and Roush/Fenway Racing to raise public awareness of the dangers associated with distracted driving and driving while texting. Anti-driving while texting stickers were affixed to all Patrol vehicles as part of this campaign.

Two recruit classes graduated in 2010. The 91st Recruit Class graduated on July 23, 2010. Twenty-seven troopers said the Oath of Office that day. On December 17, 2010, an additional 36 troopers graduated in the 92nd Recruit Class.



These stickers were affixed to all Patrol vehicles as part of an anti-texting while driving campaign.

Corporal Kyle D. Wilmont, Troop I, was named DPS Employee of the Month for August 2010. On April 29, 2010, the First Community Bank of Cuba, MO, was robbed by an individual suspected of five other bank robberies. Cpl. Wilmont was monitoring traffic north of Cuba when he noticed a driver position his hand as to obstruct the officer's view of his face as he drove past Cpl. Wilmont's location. He initiated a traffic stop in an effort to identify the driver. While speaking to the driver, Cpl. Wilmont noticed several maps and a paper with handwritten directions near the passenger seat. Based on the driver's statements and information from witnesses at the scene, Cpl. Wilmont placed the man under arrest for robbery. After the arrest, a .357 magnum handgun was found in the console, and the money from the bank robbery was located in a bag in the vehicle's interior.

Food Service Manager Betty R. Burnett, Q/TND, created a program that would donate



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leftover food items that could not be served in the Law Enforcement Academy cafeteria to the Salvation Army. The Patrol's superintendent gave her permission to organize a trial period of six months. Each week, the Salvation Army picked up the donations. During the six-month trial period ending August 26, 2010, the Patrol's donations amounted to more than 750 entree servings, 21 gallons of vegetables and side dishes, and 22 gallons of soup. This donation program is now a permanent practice for the Academy kitchen. The Department of Safety recognized Food Service Mgr. Burnett as the October 2010 DPS Employee of the Month. She also was named November 2010 State Employee of the Month.

On Friday, October 15, 2010, at approximately 11:10 a.m., Sergeant Joseph G. Schuengel, a pilot for Troop C, Weldon Spring, was returning to Spirit of St. Louis Airport after completing an aircraft speed enforcement operation in Jefferson County when the Bell Jet Ranger helicopter he was piloting crashed near the intersection of Clarkson and Kehrs Mill Road, in St. Louis County. Sgt. Schuengel was pronounced dead at the scene. He is survived by his mother and three sisters. Sgt. Schuengel is the 29th member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to die in the line of



Sergeant Joseph G. Schuengel

duty.

In October 2010, the Patrol launched a new e-mail alert system. The "Sex Offender Community Notification Program" allows members of the public to sign up for e-mail notifications regarding changes in addresses or work locations of registered sex offenders in their area.

On December 20, 2010, a portion of Interstate 44 from Missouri Highway 100 overpass west to the St. Mary's Road overpass in Franklin County became the "Corporal Dennis E. Engelhard Memorial Highway." State Representative Tom Shively introduced House Bill 1941 which established this memorial highway.

Also in 2010, Mothers Against Drunk Driving named the Missouri State Highway Patrol its 2010 Outstanding Enforcement Agency. The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) recognized the Missouri State Highway Patrol with first place in the "1,001 - 2,500 State Police &

Highway Patrols" category for the National Law Enforcement Challenge. The Patrol released its newest traffic safety video, "Permanent" in May. The Patrol Cadet Academy marked its 40th year.

2011

The merging of the Water Patrol into the Highway Patrol took effect January 1, 2011, with 95 Water Patrol officers taking the Oath of Office for trooper. They began wearing the blue uniform of the Highway Patrol that same day. The new troopers attended one of two Water Patrol transition training sessions immediately after the merge. Along with the 95 officers, seven communications and seven civilian personnel became employees of the Highway Patrol

On January 27, 2011, a subject pled guilty in federal court to his role in conspiracy to illegally distribute more than \$1 million worth of OxyContin and Oxycodone. Gaming Division officers Sergeant Jeffery T. Fitzgerald and Corporal Brian



All Water Patrol officers were sworn in as members of the Highway Patrol and began wearing blue uniforms effective January 1, 2011. Pictured are a few of the members of the newly formed Water Patrol Division. Judge Kenneth M. Hayden, 26th Circuit Court, is administering the Oath of Office for trooper to (l to r) Trooper Dustin T. Metzner, Trooper Jason M. Worthley, Trooper Eric L. Mueller, Trooper David R. Echternacht, Corporal Scott M. Lance, Captain Matthew C. Walz, and Trooper Dustin H. Crafton at the Morgan County Courthouse on January 1.

W. Vernon uncovered the prescription conspiracy at the Isle of Capri Casino in Kansas City, MO, in January 2007.

On March 16, 2011, Department of Public Safety Director John M. Britt presented the March 2011 DPS Employee of the Month award to Corporal Harold E. Crafton Jr. and Corporal Michael P. McClure. These two officers, rescued passengers with health risks from the Branson Belle after it had run aground on rocks. In dangerous conditions, they made approximately 12 trips from a nearby dock to the showboat. The remainder of the 600 passengers would disembark the next morning. (Cpl. Crafton and Cpl. McClure were officers with the Missouri State Water Patrol at the



(l to r) DPS Director John Britt awarded March 2011 DPS Employee of the Month certificates to Cpl. Michael P. McClure and Cpl. Harold E. Crafton, both Q/WPD, during a ceremony at the Academy. Col. Ron Replogle (r) extended his congratulations to the officers.

time of the incident.)

The Patrol honored 29 people at its annual awards ceremony. Trooper Donald L. Doza, Troop F, Trooper Justin D. Piccinino, Troop G, and Sergeant Timothy D. Peters, Troop I, accepted Valor Awards. Lieutenant Terry R. Moore, Troop D, was named Benjamin Oliver Booth Officer Of The Year; Senior CJIS Manager Jeffrey D. Reece, Q/CJISD, accepted the Civilian Of The Year Award.

The 93rd Recruit Class graduated June 24, 2011. The 41 new troopers reported to their first assignment on July 11, 2011. The 94th Recruit Class graduation took place on December 16, 2011. The 30 new troopers reported to their first assignment on January 2, 2012.

Captain Sandra K. Karsten was promoted to the rank of major and designated commander of the Administrative Services Bureau effective August 1, 2011. She is the first female in Patrol history to hold the rank of major.

Missouri experienced five natural disasters in 2011. In each instance, the Patrol responded immediately, providing manpower and resources to help Missourians recover.

An epic snowstorm February 1, 2011, brought with it ice, freezing rain, sleet, or snow. Much of Missouri was digging out from under 12 to 20 inches of snow. For the first time in history, the entire length of Interstate 70 closed for 14 1/2 hours due to the hazardous conditions. Troopers worked 12-hour shifts and their leave days were canceled. Communications employees reported to headquarters with an overnight bag of food and clothing. Members were responsible for highway safety, search and rescue efforts, and traffic control. This detail ran from January 31 through February 5, and included 413 officers.

Thunderstorms on April 19 were the first of many in the Troop E area. By May 2, much of the area had received over 20 inches of rain. Levees collapsed—either on their own or they were breached by the

Army Corps of Engineers. Troopers assisted with evacuations, search and rescue, damage assessments, security patrols and checkpoints, dignitary escorts, and traffic control. They also worked in two-man teams on four boats to assist with water rescues. A mobile field force of 21 troopers from around the state grew to include 42 troopers and 18 boats. In one instance, they were needed to rescue six boats of Missouri National Guard personnel when they became stranded. The manpower began

to return to regular shifts on May 2, with the detail ending on May 11. The detail included 165 officers.

A tornado hit St. Charles County and St. Louis on April 22, 2011. The heavy winds caused significant damage at Lambert Airport and the surrounding area. Officers responded to provide security patrols, checkpoints, search and rescue, and damage assessments. The 61 officers were assigned to this special detail until May 1.

On May 22, 2011, an EF5 multiple vortex tornado hit Joplin, MO. It reached a maximum width of one mile, rapidly intensified, and tracked eastward across the city, continuing across Interstate 44 into rural portions of Jasper County. This was the deadliest tornado to hit the United States since 1947. Immediately, the Patrol sent 50 troopers to the area, as well as one mobile command and communications vehicle and four communications officers. The total number of employees (statewide) deployed to Joplin would reach 362 members and 89 civilians. In addition to security patrols and

tornado. This special detail ended June 26.

In June 2011, flooding in Holt, Atchison, and Buchanan counties led to road closures lasting two to three months. Numerous levees were breached creating extensive property damage. Fifty-two officers from around the state were assigned to assist during the flooding. They handled security patrols, security checkpoints, search and rescue efforts, damage assessment, and dignitary escort and protection. The special detail would run from June 10 through August 6.

On Wednesday, June 22, 2011, a portion of U.S.



Sgt. Daniel W. Hinten, Troop G, provides instruction at a daily briefing.



Evidence of the tornado's strength could be seen for miles in Joplin.

checkpoints, troopers went door-to-door searching for people, they attended memorial services and funerals, and they met with countless families. Troopers also handled death investigations, damage assessment, dignitary escort and protection, and were tasked with locating 268 missing people, all of which were accounted for by June 1. It was reported that 161 people died as a result of this

Highway 36, 1.7 miles west of the intersection of Missouri Route O, in Macon County, was dedicated as the "Trooper William Brandt Memorial Highway."

The city of Springfield held a press conference on July 21, 2011. At that time, it was announced that the state of Missouri had made its final payment for the Springfield Crime Laboratory building. Crime

Laboratory Division Director William E. Marbaker and Captain J. Tim Hull, Q/PIED, attended.

On August 1, 2011, Trooper Frederick F. Guthrie Jr., a member of the Patrol's Water Patrol Division, and his Patrol K-9, Reed, were assigned to Missouri River flood duty. They were working in the area of Big Lake on Missouri Highway 118 at

Missouri Highway 111 in Holt County, MO. Apparently, they were swept away by swift flood water. On Tuesday, August 2, 2011, at approximately 6:25 p.m. K-9 Reed was located in swift moving flood water approximately 100 yards from where Tpr. Guthrie's Patrol truck and boat had been located.

On September 28, 2011, Colonel Ron Replogle regretfully announced the official death of Tpr. Guthrie. This announcement followed the issuance of Letters of Independent Administration by Platte County Associate Circuit Judge James Van Amburg to Tpr. Guthrie's spouse, Mrs. Teresa Guthrie. Judge Van Amburg issued the letters after hearing evidence and declaring that Tpr. Guthrie was killed in the line of duty on August 1, 2011. The Patrol held a memorial service on December 14, 2011. Tpr. Guthrie's body was located on January 12, 2012. He is survived by his wife and three children. Tpr. Guthrie is the 30th member of the Patrol to make the ultimate sacrifice while serving and protecting the citizens of Missouri.

The Missouri State Fair detail included five officers from the Water Patrol Division for the first time. A boat was among the Patrol equipment displayed near the Highway Gardens and Otto-the Talking Car. Early on Friday, August 19, a massive straight-wind storm wreaked havoc on the fairgrounds and flattened virtually every temporary facility. Members of the Patrol and fair security evacuated hundreds of campers into the Mathewson Exhibition Center, a large permanent facility. Approximately 60 percent of the city of Sedalia was without power—including the fairgrounds. Troopers were stationed at every gate and on the grounds to maintain security until power was restored and a Department of Health visit completed. The fair reopened at 3 p.m. It was the first official closing of the fair during regularly scheduled days in memory.

The Communications Division and the Information Systems Division combined to form the Information and Communications Technology Division effective September 1, 2011. This consolidation was the result of the merging of technology between the two divisions. Captain Kim E. Hull became the first director of this new division.



Trooper Frederick F. Guthrie Jr.

Sunday, September 11, 2011, marked the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. The New York Says Thank You Foundation chose the city of Joplin, MO, as the last stop for the World Trade Center flag. This 20-foot by 30-foot flag was pulled from the rubble of the Twin Towers after they'd fallen. Since that time, the flag has traveled all across the country. This national 9-11 ceremony with the World Trade Center flag took place in front of Joplin's St. John's Hospital, which was devastated by a tornado on May 22, 2011. Members of the Patrol joined representatives of other agencies to unfurl the flag



High-speed, straight-line winds pushed over the Troop H radio tower on August 18. It had been a landmark in St. Joseph since the late 1940s.

at 8:45 a.m., then raise it for one minute at 8:58 a.m. That raising recognized the time the World Trade Center's south tower collapsed. At 9:28 a.m., the raising was repeated, again for one minute, to represent the collapse of the World Trade Center's north tower. After the ceremony, the flag traveled to Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, where anyone who wanted could sew one stitch. This has occurred at each stop the flag made all across the country. Now that the repairs are complete, the flag returns to the National September 11 Memorial and Museum in New York.

On Thursday, September 29, 2011, the portion of U.S. Highway 67 from County Road 422 to U.S. Highway 60 East/67 South bypass in Butler County, became the "Missouri State Highway Patrol Sergeant David May Memorial Highway." House Bill 798 established this memorial highway.

In September 2011, the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) presented the Water Patrol Division with its coveted Compass Award. The award recognized the division's leadership, commitment, and sacrifice in assisting NASBLA and the U.S. Coast Guard. These three entities designed, tested, and implemented



Emergency services personnel unfurled the World Trade Center flag in front of St. John's Hospital in Joplin, the flag's last stop before returning to New York.

the first-ever battery of seated, standardized field sobriety tests, thus enhancing boating under the influence enforcement actions across the nation.

On October 19, 2011, two teams of employees accepted awards from the governor. The Missouri Criminal Justice Modernization Project team accepted a Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity in the area of technology. The MCJMP team is actually five smaller teams working to upgrade operational systems in five areas: computer-aided dispatch, mobile computing, computerized criminal history, records management, and replacement of the state message switch.

The Missouri Automated Criminal History Site team earned a Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity in the area of efficiency/process improvement. This team developed and implemented a program allowing businesses and individuals to request a background check of open records via the Internet. During the first three months of implementation, 90% of the record checks were returned instantly to the requestor without human intervention required.

On October 21, 2011, Colonel Ronald K. Replogle, Q/Staff, and Captain Ronald S. Johnson, Troop C's commanding officer, led a ceremony dedicating a portion of Interstate 64 from Boone's Crossing overpass west to the Spirit of St. Louis overpass in St. Louis County the "Highway Patrol Sgt. Joe Schuengel Memorial Highway."



A new weigh station located on Interstate 44 in St. Clair, MO, opened September 12, 2011.

Notable Events

- A 1969 Mark Twain boat joined other equipment in the Safety Education Center to recognize the merger between the Water Patrol and Highway Patrol.
- The Ford Motor Company produced its last Crown Victoria police package vehicles in 2011. The Patrol purchased a small quantity of Chevrolet Caprice and Dodge Charger police vehicles to begin an evaluation process.
- The Crime Laboratory Division achieved international accreditation from the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/ Laboratory Accreditation Board (AS-CLD/LAB) on September 8, 2011.
- The Patrol marked 80 years of service and protection to the citizens of Missouri.
- The Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy marked its 40th anniversary with an open house.
- The Patrol participated in a week-long, statewide earthquake drill in May. Multiple state agencies participated in the simulation.
- Effective October 1, 2011, members of the Water Patrol Division were reassigned to the troop in which they resided and designated marine operations troopers.
- Missouri experienced a reduction in traffic fatalities for the sixth year in a row. In 2011, there were 784 fatalities on Missouri's roadways. That is a 4.5% decrease from 2010.

2012

As a contractor continued to work to fill the scour hole on Missouri Highway 111, troopers were on site, watching for any signs of Trooper Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr.'s body. On January 12, 2012, Tpr. Fred Guthrie's body was found near the original search site under approximately three and one-half feet of sand and silt after a brush pile was removed south of where K-9 Reed was recovered. A private graveside service took place on January 21, 2012.

The Missouri House of Representatives recognized Sergeant Richard J. Sanders, Corporal J. Shane Stewart, and Trooper David W. Crank, all Troop E, as Outstanding Missourians. State Representative Shelley Keeney nominated the officers for this distinction for their actions during a dangerous traffic stop on March 10, 2012.

Tpr. Crank effected a traffic stop on Interstate 55 when he observed a vehicle tailgating and driving aggressively. After noticing the odor of marijuana, he called for assistance. The vehicle's occupants refused to provide identification. After Cpl. Stewart arrived, the individuals began behaving in an aggressive manner during questioning. One passenger fired at Cpl. Stewart, who was



Tpr. David W. Crank, Tpr. Jeremy S. Stewart, and Sgt. Richard J. Sanders, all Troop E, stand before the Missouri House of Representatives where they were honored as Outstanding Missourians.

seriously injured. The officers exchanged gunfire, killing the shooter. Another occupant was injured. Sgt. Sanders provided lifesaving first aid to Cpl. Stewart, who has returned to active duty. The Outstanding Missourian honor recognized the officers' bravery and strength of character.

During the month of March 2012, marine operations training involved 32 members from all troops. The training covered boating laws and operations, boat accident investigation, and survival training. This was the first water-related cross-training for troopers since the merger.

Department of Public Safety Director Jerry Lee presented the March 2012 DPS Employee Of The Month Award to Trooper Kelsey J. Rutledge and Trooper Darwin R. Hukill, both Troop D. The troopers followed up on a tip by initiating a knock and talk. The result was an investigation yielding stolen property with an estimated value of \$100,000. A follow up investigation closed over 20 theft cases.



Lt. Erik A. Gottman, Troop B, tackles Sgt. Jeffery C. Creech, Troop B, during a tactical swimming drill.

The Patrol honored 32 employees at the annual awards ceremony and The MASTERS banquet. Captain Duane L. Robinson, Troop H, accepted the Benjamin Oliver Booth Officer Of The Year Award. Commercial Vehicle Officer Supervisor I Steven D. Wilmesherr, Troop C, accepted the Civilian Of The Year award. Trooper James C. Cooksey, Troop E, and Corporal Reid T. Fessler, Troop B, each accepted a Valor Award.

Sergeant Timothy Peters, Troop I, accepted a Purple Heart for injuries sustained at a traffic stop on Interstate 44 in 2011. Sgt. Peters placed the driver under arrest for being intoxicated. The suspect resisted arrest and a struggle ensued. The suspect then ran into the roadway. Sgt. Peters removed the man from danger, and sustained serious injuries when the suspect's struggles caused them to fall down an embankment.



Sergeant Timothy D. Peters

DPS Director Jerry Lee named Sergeant Jason B. Trammell, Q/DDCC, the April 2012 DPS Employee of the Month. The award recognized Sgt. Trammell's investigative ability as a polygraphist. In one investigation, Sgt. Trammell obtained a murder confession during a pretest interview of a babysitter. In another investigation, Sgt. Trammell interviewed and obtained a man's confession during a warrant search related to the murder of a missing man.

President Barack Obama returned to Joplin, MO, a year after the deadly EF-5 tornado took the lives of 161 people and destroyed over 7,500 buildings, including the high school. He came to speak to the graduating seniors, telling them they had already defied the odds. The Patrol assisted the Secret Service with security during the president's visit.

The University of Missouri-Columbia's move to the Southeast Conference meant fans would have longer distances to travel for away games, which could increase their chances of being in a traffic crash. This provided a perspective for a group of public service announcements. Thus, at the Uniformed Safety Education Officers Workshop in Mississippi, officers present from the other SEC states filmed a PSA to be shown at football and basketball games. The message is that no matter where you're driving, it's important to buckle up, watch your speed, pay attention, and drive sober. Public information officers from Missouri, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Texas, Kentucky, and Tennessee participated in the PSA.



President Barack Obama addressed the 2012 graduating class of Joplin High School.

On Sunday, August 26, Corporal Justin S. Johnson and Trooper Benjamin R. Hilliard, both Troop H, heard a call for assistance from the Harrison County 9-1-1 dispatcher. A Kia was traveling northbound on Interstate 35 and its accelerator was stuck. The two officers were in the area and responded immediately. What followed was a 65-mile trek up I-35 traveling at speeds well over 100 mph.

The troopers stayed with the Kia for the next 34 minutes, well into the state of Iowa. While managing traffic, the officers were communicating with each other, Harrison County's 9-1-1 dispatch, and Troop H Headquarters. These conversations

were yielding ideas to try to stop the vehicle. The driver of the Kia, Lori Ulvestad, of Ames, Iowa, held her cell phone in one hand and the steering wheel in the other as she tried each suggestion provided by Harrison County dispatch and the Highway Patrol. There were times when traffic patterns caused the troopers to move out of the way and allow the Kia to pass. They then resumed the high speed escort. If the troopers' lights and sirens didn't inspire drivers to move their vehicles out of the way, the three vehicles were forced to use evasive maneuvers.

Ulvestad tried every suggestion without success. Upon being informed of the situation, Major J. Bret Johnson, Q/FOB, suggested she press the brake and lift the accelerator at the same time. This action resulted in her vehicle slowing down to a stop.

St. Louis Cardinals players Matt Carpenter, Jon Jay, Joe Kelly, Shelby Miller, and Jason Motte joined Sergeant Amy E. Reynolds, Trooper Justin R. Wheetley, Trooper Derek A. Mason, and Sergeant Al P. Nothum, Troop C, to film public service announcements about the importance of wearing a seat belt. The Patrol's AV Section filmed the PSAs at Busch Stadium.

The 95th Recruit Class graduated from the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy on September 21, 2012. Twenty-six troopers said the Oath of Office that day.

A memorial highway dedication ceremony honoring Tpr. Fredrick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr. took place on October 5, 2012, at the Platte



Sgt. Al P. Nothum, Troop C, and Cardinals Pitcher Joe Kelly recorded a seat belt PSA.

County Resource Center. The “Trooper Fred F. Guthrie Jr. Memorial Highway” is a portion of Interstate 29 between Missouri Highway 273 (near Tracy, MO) and Missouri Route E (near Camden Point, MO). Tpr. Guthrie died in the line of duty August 1, 2011.

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) awarded advanced accreditation with excellence to the Missouri State Highway Patrol at its fall conference banquet in Jacksonville, FL, on Saturday evening, November 17, 2012. This marks the seventh time the Patrol has successfully been reviewed and approved for accreditation.

The Patrol’s Safety Education Center was re-named the Colonel Alvin R. Lubker Memorial Safety & Education Center. This change was effective December 22, 2012. Throughout his career, Col. Alvin R. Lubker promoted his belief that education and enforcement were a vital part of highway safety. Col. Lubker and his wife, Marva, have loaned several items—including a 1931 Ford Roadster known as “Otto—the Talking Car”—to the Safety Education Center, which opened in 1982. (Col. Al Lubker died November 13, 2012, in Scottsdale, AZ.)

2012 Notable Events

- The Patrol acquired 10 Ford Interceptor Sedans and 28 Ford Interceptor Utility vehicles in order to evaluate them. These vehicles, and an additional 350 Dodge Chargers, joined the Crown Victorias, Tahoes, Impalas, and pickup trucks in the agency’s fleet, which has become and is expected to remain quite diversified.



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- The Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Missouri Department of Transportation hosted a Distracted Driving Summit on February 16-17, 2012, at the Capital Plaza Hotel, in Jefferson City. Eighty-one people attended. The attendees divided into two groups (education and enforcement).
- Eight probationary communications operators completed a four-week academy on February 24, 2012.
- The Patrol provided 30 troopers, five support personnel, a helicopter, and two mobile command centers to assist with traffic control at the 2012 Major League Baseball All-Star Game and related festivities July 8-10, 2012, in Kansas City at Kauffman Stadium.



Tpr. Liere R. Dancy, Sgt. Barry A. Kumph, and Cpl. Carl A. Taibi, all Troop A, regulated traffic at Gate 1 during the MLB All-Star game.

- For the first time, a SAFE boat joined the Patrol’s fleet on display at the Missouri State Fair. This model is called the Defender, and is specifically designed to assist with our homeland security roles in the Kansas City and St. Louis port areas.
- On October 30, 2012, the Isle of Capri Casinos Incorporated unveiled its new casino located next to the Mississippi River a few blocks north of downtown Cape Girardeau, MO. The casino is the 13th and final casino to be constructed in the state of Missouri.

2013

Sergeant Danielle E. Heil, Q/DDCC, was named January 2013 DPS Employee of the Month for her work in researching and educating the public about the dangers of synthetic drugs.

A severe snowstorm dropped up to 20 inches in Northern and Central Missouri in February. The media dubbed this storm a thundersnow, due to it's thunderstorm-like nature. A second winter storm advisory was issued later that same month. Four members from Troop D, Springfield, deployed to assist Troop A, Lee's Summit, and four troopers from Troop F, Jefferson City, assisted Troop B, Macon.

The Patrol honored 10 employees on Saturday, April 13, 2013, at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, MO. Corporal Mike A. Halford, Troop F, accepted the Benjamin Oliver Booth Officer of the Year Award. Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Roy D. Barton, Troop B, accepted the Civilian of the Year award. The colonel presented Valor Awards to Sergeant Shawn L. Price, Q/AD, and Trooper David W. Crank, Troop E. Corporal J. Shane Stewart, Troop E, accepted a Purple Heart. Cpl. Stewart was shot and seriously injured during a traffic stop. He recovered and returned to active duty.

On April 18, 2013, the Aircraft Division responded to Texas County after two turkey hunters,



Members of the Aircraft Division responded to Texas County to rescue a hunter. This was first short haul rescue in Patrol history.



one of whom was wheel-chair bound, became trapped by floodwaters of the Big Piney River near Boiling Springs access. Sergeant Mike D. Hargus, Sergeant Jeff G. Noack, and Corporal David C. Dinges responded in the Bell 407 helicopter and performed the first short haul rescue in Patrol history.

The DPS director named Sergeant Nick D. Berry, and Corporal Kyle Easley, both Troop B, April 2013 DPS

Troopers dig out a motorist whose vehicle became high centered on snow after sliding off the roadway.



Lt. Nathan C. Ahern, Troop C, speaks to the detail prior to President Barack H. Obama's visit to the University of

Employees of the Month. After overhearing radio traffic regarding a fire at a home for the elderly, both officers responded because they happened to be patrolling nearby. The troopers went into the burning residences twice, rescuing four people who needed assistance. Then, they moved vehicles from near the burning building, protecting property and providing a closer vantage point for rescue vehicles. In addition, Governor Jay Nixon named Sgt. Berry and Cpl. Easley as May 2013 State Employees of the Month.

Laboratory Evidence Technician II C. Sue Cashion, Q/CLD, was named the June 2013 DPS Employee of the Month. The DPS director recognized her support role for criminalists in the laboratory.

The 96th Recruit Class graduated on July 13, 2013, during a ceremony on the south lawn of the Missouri Capitol. Thirty-eight troopers repeated the Oath of Office that day. Due to the overlap in training, the 97th Recruit Class attended the graduation ceremony, standing at attention in the shade. The 97th Recruit Class graduated on December 20, 2013, adding 30 new troopers to the ranks.

On Wednesday, July 24, 2013, President Barack Obama visited the Warrensburg, MO, area to make a speech

on the campus of the University of Central Missouri. He was joined by Governor Jay Nixon. The president complimented the university's "innovative campus initiative," which uses accelerated classes and enables students to get a four-year degree in two years. President Obama further praised the program which helps students to obtain "low-cost degrees as a model for the nation." The Patrol and local law enforcement assisted the Secret Service with security and traffic control.

On September 20, 2013, Trooper Zachary S. Wang, Troop C, learned that a man had robbed the First Bank in Dutzow, MO. While traveling southbound on Missouri Route F from New Melle, MO, Tpr. Wang observed a vehicle matching the de-

scription provided by the Warren County dispatch. He turned around and attempted to overtake the vehicle. As he rounded a curve, he saw that the suspect's vehicle was on the side of the road with the driver's side door partially open. Tpr. Wang stopped his patrol vehicle behind the suspect's vehicle. Knowing the man was armed, Tpr. Wang immediately exited his patrol car and ordered the driver to exit the vehicle and get on the ground. The driver exited the vehicle, pointed a revolver at Tpr. Wang, and began to fire. The first shot struck Tpr. Wang in the chest, and he returned fire as he sought cover at the rear of his patrol vehicle. Dur-



Troop F SWAT team makes its way through a culvert on the timed obstacle course. The Patrol's four SWAT teams took part in a friendly competition during biennial training.

ing the exchange of gunfire, the suspect was struck and dropped his revolver. Once the suspect was secure, Tpr. Wang requested emergency medical personnel to respond. Further investigation revealed that this man was responsible for three additional robberies in the St. Louis, MO, area.

Tpr. David W. Crank, Troop E, accepted a Missouri Medal of Valor from Governor Jay Nixon. The award stemmed from his actions during a traffic stop in New Madrid County.

The Patrol SWAT teams met at General Headquarters for biennial training. The team coordinators had an opportunity to network and review operational procedures. Entry teams and snipers spent time perfecting their specialties. In addition, Mr. Steve Ijames, a retired major from the Springfield Police Department, spoke to the Patrol's SWAT teams. He is a nationally known subject matter expert, and held discussions on the Constitution (fourth amendment), case law, and SWAT policy and procedures.

The Patrol hosted Leadership in Police Organizations training at General Headquarters for the first time. The International Association of Chiefs of Police provided the training to both uniformed and civilian leaders within the Patrol and other law enforcement agencies. The course focused on combining the art of leadership with the science of human behavior to achieve ethical leadership.

Criminalists assigned to the Patrol's Crime Laboratory Division and members assigned to Troops C, D, G, the Public Information & Education Division, and the Division of Drug & Crime Control took part in The Constitution Project. Designed by Texas County Associate Circuit Judge Douglas D. Gaston, the Constitution Project provides hands-on lessons for high school students who act as crime scene investigators, journalists, and lawyers. The teams competed regionally before traveling to Jefferson City for the finals. General Headquarters hosted the "crime scene" and the Missouri Supreme Court hosted the "court case." It is hoped The Constitution Project will inspire the students to seek a career integral to the nation's Constitution.

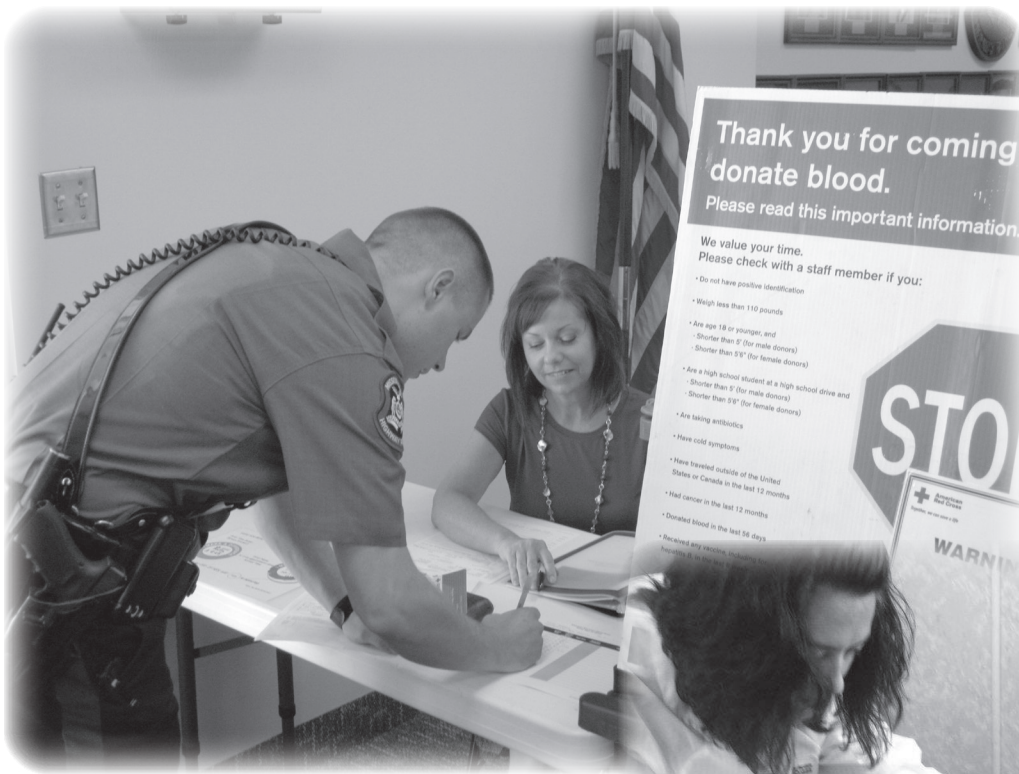
DPS director Jerry Lee named Sergeant Tim Hourihan and Sergeant Darryl Suhr, both Q/GD, the DPS Employees of the Month for November 2013. The two sergeants were recognized as a result of an investigation they initiated after seeing a MIAC bulletin from the Federal Bureau of



An advanced spectroscope portal radiation monitor was installed at the D4-East weigh station on Interstate 44 in Joplin, MO. This monitor detects and identifies radiation. This weigh station was chosen due to the high volume of truck traffic on that interstate highway.

Investigation and Bureau of Alcohol, Tabaco, Firearms, and Explosives. The bulletin requested help locating two subjects who had a propensity for violence and had detonated explosives in Southeast Missouri. Sergeant Hourihan recalled seeing the vehicle mentioned in the bulletin. He and Sgt. Suhr reviewed hours of surveillance video at the casino and identified the subjects, who were then arrested.

On November 14, 2013, the United States Attorney's Office in St. Louis, presented a Distinguished Service Award to Sergeant Don J. Windham and Sergeant Scott E. Rawson, both Q/DDCC, for resolving a child abduction case in October 2012. As a result of their work, a five-year-old was recovered from a sexual predator, who was given a 120-year prison sentence.



Clerk IV Ronda K. Shoush assists Tpr. James A. Rowe, both Troop B, with registration.

The 20th Annual Corporal Michael E. Webster Memorial Blood Drive took place statewide for the first time. The drive collected 270 pints of blood. The photo (at right) shows Ms. Alana (Webster) Hickman, Cpl. Webster's daughter, donating blood at Troop D Headquarters.



2013 Notable Events

- Eleven commercial vehicle enforcement inspectors completed their eight weeks of training. This was the Sixth Commercial Vehicle Inspector School.
- The Division of Drug and Crime Control, Training Division, and National Center for Credibility Assessment held a senior polygraphist's course. Polygraphists from the Patrol; federal, state, local, and out-of-state agencies; and one from Canada attended the training.
- A new driver examination station in St. Peters, MO, opened on April 1, 2013.
- The Motor Equipment Division became the Fleet & Facilities Division to better reflect its responsibilities on July 1, 2013.
- The Patrol assigned 87 employees—77 members and 10 civilians—to the 2013 Missouri State Fair.

2014

The Academy graduated 65 new troopers in 2014. The 98th Recruit Class began training on January 2, and graduated June 27, 2014. The 99th Recruit Class began training on July 1, and graduated December 19, 2014.

Governor Jay Nixon named Corporal Lance D. DeClue, Troop I, and Lieutenant Justin L. McCullough, Troop F, January 2014 State Employees of the Month. The two officers were working together in Troop I when they rescued four civilians and three firefighters from a flash flood in 2013. (December 2013 DPS Employees of the Month.)

The Department of Public Safety recognized several Patrol employees as DPS Employees of the Month during 2014:

January 2014 — Corporal Michael S. Bracker, Q/DDCC, relentlessly investigated numerous cattle thefts in Southwest Missouri over a two-year period. His determination led to the identity, apprehension, and arrest of the individual responsible for the theft and illegal sale of stolen cattle. In addition officers recovered over \$200,000 in stolen property.

February 2014 — Sergeant Shawn L. Price, Q/AD, Corporal Freddie L. Butler Jr., Troop E, and Trooper Adam N. Miller, Troop E, responded to an incident of an abandoned vehicle. This led to searching for, locating, and saving the life of an individual with known suicidal tendencies who had been exposed to the elements for a prolonged period of time.

March 2014 — Trooper J. Shane Palmer and Trooper Brooks A. Pratt, both Troop E, responded to a single vehicle traffic crash where the vehicle had traveled off the roadway and overturned in a water-filled drainage ditch. The ambient air temperature was 25 degrees and the water freezing cold. Tpr. Palmer and Tpr. Pratt made numerous attempts to save the lives of the vehicle occupants. Governor Jay Nixon named Troopers

Palmer and Pratt April 2014 State Employees of the Month for the same incident.

May 2014 — Trooper Jeffry S. Leathers, Troop I, unselfishly entered a burning residence twice to evacuate people and move them to an area of safety. The second entry into the residence was even more complicated than the first due to propane tanks next to the residence exploding and sending shrapnel through the air.

June 2014 — Trooper Richard L. Ayers, Troop E, responded to the scene where a citizen was trapped in a waterway after a flash flood in Southeast Missouri on April 27, 2014. Tpr. Ayers persevered when his boat capsized as he made his way to the trapped man in swift moving floodwaters. Tpr. Ayers remained calm, swam to the bank, then made his way toward the stranded man. When he reached the man, Tpr. Ayers moved him to a safer location and gave the man the life jacket he was wearing. Tpr. Ayers then helped make a path for rescuers to reach his location.

July 2014 — Sergeant Jeffery C. Creech, and Trooper Steven R. Peterson, Troop B, demonstrated selfless bravery when rescuing two citizens who were trapped in a flooded roadway in Ralls County on May 11, 2014. The troopers launched a boat into raging floodwaters and made



A fire destroyed the GHQ Garage on April 8, 2014.

Although most of the hand tools were salvaged, the GHQ Garage was considered a complete loss. A total of eight vehicles burned.



their way to a disabled 2004 Hummer. After positioning the boat to prevent the vehicle from moving further downstream, Sgt. Creech and Tpr. Peterson rescued two people.

August 2014 — Driver Examiner Supervisor Timothy Murphy, Troop A, was performing his routine duties as a driver examiner when he came upon a burning residence. DE Sprv. Murphy immediately requested emergency assistance, and then ran into the residence. He removed two occupants, one of which was elderly and unable to walk without assistance.

November 2014 — Sergeant Michael P. Quilty, Troop H, was recognized for his quick and innovative thinking under extremely difficult conditions. As a result of his actions, the lives of eight individuals trapped in flash floodwaters were saved using front-end loaders. Sgt. Quilty's knowledge of the area and the positive working relationships with local agencies were instrumental in bringing this incident to a successful conclusion.

In the early hours of April 8, 2014, fire destroyed the main garage building (behind Troop F Headquarters). Although most of the hand tools were salvaged, 10 work bays, the car wash, the warehouse and vehicle detail area, and eight vehicles were a complete loss. The Radio Shop sustained smoke damage, but was operational within a few days. Service and repair operations were moved temporarily to garage space behind MoDOT's central office in Jefferson City. Car trades and some emergency warning equipment repairs continued to be performed at the Patrol's marine maintenance facility. Preliminary reports suggested the fire originated in a pickup truck inside the garage.

Twenty-three Patrol employees were honored at the annual awards banquet on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, MO. Corporal Carl W. Bone, Troop C, accepted the Benjamin Oliver Booth Officer Of The Year award. Clerk Typist III Jamie L. Maddux, Troop I, accepted the Civilian Of The Year award. The colonel presented Valor Awards to Troopers Daniel J. Johnson and Jason W. Philpott, Troop G. A new award, the Career Milestone Award, was



Cpl. Dustin T. Metzner (in cage) experiences Water Egress Training with Capt. David K. Striegel (l) and Tpr. Dustin L. Braynard (r) operating the apparatus.

presented to Trooper John L. Mason, Troop D, who passed 1,000 DWI arrests in 2013.

SWAT negotiators from Troops A, C, and F competed in a scenario-driven competition in Kansas City, MO, on May 28, 2014. The negotiators from Troops F and C comprised one team while the Troop A negotiators competed as part of a multi-jurisdictional team. The Troops F and C negotiators took first place in the Missouri Association of Crisis Negotiators Challenge.

Aircraft Division pilots completed Water Egress Training in June and July 2014. The training covered topics such as bracing for impact, unlatching cabin doors, and finding reference prior to impact with water. The pilots were trained using an underwater escape trainer with a generic fuselage section representing an aircraft cockpit. In October 2014, several pilots completed fire suppression training using the Patrol's Bell 407 helicopter equipped with a Bambi bucket.

Nine Moldovan professionals visited Missouri to learn about quality system management, accreditation, and how four of the state's crime laboratories approach a case. They visited the General Headquarters laboratory on June 12, 2014. Their goal was to learn as much as possible before they began their own process of international accreditation under the ISO/IEC 17025 standard.

The 2014 Troop Commanders and Division Directors Conference took place at General Headquarters in Jefferson City, MO. The commanders and directors took part in the Leadership in Police Organizations Three-Day Executive Seminar sponsored by the IACP.

On August 9, 2014, at approximately 1:33 p.m., Troop C received a call from Ferguson (MO) Police Department to respond and assist with an officer-involved shooting. The responding officers were unaware they were some of the first officers on the scene of what would become the longest period of civil unrest in American history. During the next couple days, tensions between protesters and police grew. Thus, Governor Jay Nixon directed the Missouri State Highway Patrol to step forward in a security role. Captain Ronald S. Johnson, the current Troop C troop commander, was named head of security in Ferguson with the hope of restoring peace and order to the devastated community. Over the next four months, looting, rioting, and violence plagued the Ferguson community. Even through the violence and devastation, troopers were able to reach out to the community and show their support. Troopers connected to people of all ages, and in one example of their community policing approach, troopers spent their own money to restore a rundown basketball goal, provided a new basketball for the neighborhood children, and later shot a few hoops with them. This is just one example of many. Over the four months of unrest, troopers from all over the state were sent to assist with maintaining security in Ferguson and the surrounding area.

October 2014 — Members of the Patrol's Rural Crime Investigative Unit accepted the International Association of Chiefs of Police/Thomson Reuters Award for Excellence in Criminal Investigation. This honor recognized the multi-jurisdictional partnership's success in recovering over \$8.5 million in stolen property, conducting more than 1,599 criminal investigations, and arresting 354 suspects since its inception in 2009.

At a ceremony on December 18, 2014, Governor Jay Nixon presented Missouri Medals of Valor to Troopers Daniel J. Johnson and Jason W. Philpott, Troop G. The honor was the result of



Crim. Sprv. Adam C. Benne explains the Laboratory Information Management System to the Moldovan contingent.

their extraordinary acts of courage after a flash flood in Douglas County. Troopers Johnson and Philpott launched a Patrol boat, went to a mobile home, outfitted an elderly couple with personal flotation devices, and placed them into the rescue boat. The vessel's motor stalled after the propeller became entangled in barbed wire, then began taking on water in the swift current before it capsized. All four occupants began drifting downstream in the swift moving water, headed toward a certain crash into a flooded concrete bridge. Troopers Johnson and Philpott swam to and retrieved the elderly couple. The troopers then swam against the swift current and brought the couple to shore just a few feet from the edge of the concrete bridge.

Governor Jay Nixon awarded a 2014 Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity in the area of efficiency/process to the Digital Forensic Investigation Unit on October 30, 2014. The DFIU's primary goal is investigating child pornography file sharing networks and the enticement of children on social media. It was determined that a collaborative effort with other state agencies and new investigative techniques with existing software led to greater efficiency and cost reduction to the program in general.



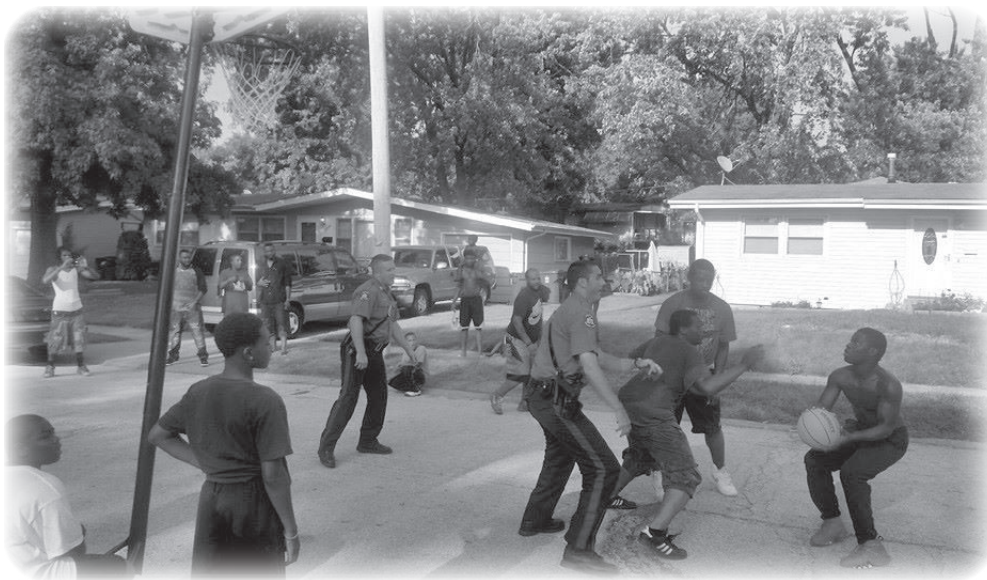
Capt. Ron Johnson, Troop C, provides an update to officers prior to their security shift in Ferguson, MO.

2014 Notable Events

- All members and commercial vehicle officers began using the Safariland model 6360-832 holster, which better accommodates their Glock Model 22.
- K-9 Puki retired after seven years of service. Puki provided demonstrations to approximately 10,000 people, and was instrumental in 128 misdemeanor and 76 felony arrests, and the seizure of cash, illegal drugs, and other contraband.
- Officers from several states created joint public service announcements while attending the Uniformed Safety and Education Officers' Workshop in Kansas City, KS. Troopers promoted the "Drive To Zero" traffic crashes campaign and the "Move Over" law in the PSAs.



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Effective January 1, 2015, the chief of staff position was eliminated and the Executive Services Bureau created. The commander of the new bureau would oversee the Governor's Security and Budget and Procurement divisions, and serve as the Patrol's legislative liaison.

A national spotlight shone on Texas County after a man killed seven people and then committed suicide.

Shortly after 10 p.m. on the evening of February 26, 2015, a Texas County 9-1-1 operator received a call from a young girl reporting she'd heard gunshots in her home. The young girl ran from her residence to a neighbor's home in snow. Officers found her parents dead from gunshot wounds; her brother safe and sleeping in his bedroom. A second call from a woman notified authorities she had been shot and left for dead, and her husband killed. The woman identified the gunman as Joseph Aldridge, of Tyrone, MO. Officers from various departments began the search for Aldridge and found his mother, who had been terminally ill, deceased in their home. As officers went door-to-door, two more couples were found deceased in their homes. All of the deceased were relatives of Aldridge. Eleven criminal investigators from the Division of Drug and Crime Control were assigned to process the many crime scenes. Two clerical staff from the Patrol's Violent Crime Support Unit and 26 road officers, who went door-to-door searching for Aldridge, assisted them. The parking lot of the Texas County Justice Center was filled with satellite trucks, news crews, and onlookers. Media outlets from around the world clamored for an answer to the question of why Joseph Aldridge murdered his relatives.

Sergeant Philip D. Hoffman, Q/GD, accepted the March 2015 Department of Public Safety Employee of the Month Award. Sgt. Hoffman was honored for his awareness



Sgt. Jeffery R. Kinder, Troop G, speaks to the press about the murders in Texas County.

and judgment in identifying a serious situation involving a vehicle being driven in a dangerous manner. Sgt. Hoffman coordinated the traffic stop with other agencies due to the fact that he was driving an unmarked patrol vehicle. The stop led to the driver's arrest after he confessed that he'd killed his father, stolen his father's vehicle, and affected an armed robbery and car-jacking in an out-of-state jurisdiction.

Fifteen Patrol employees were honored at the annual Patrol Awards Ceremony & The MASTERS Banquet April 18, 2015. Corporal Carl W. Bone, Troop C, accepted the Benjamin Oliver Booth Officer of the Year Award. Clerk Typist III Jamie L. Maddux, Troop I, accepted the Civilian of the Year Award.

A new commercial driver's license supersite opened in Hannibal, MO. The facility has a 90,000-square-foot concrete testing pad for conducting commercial driver's license and motorcycle skills testing, along with a commercial motor vehicle pre-test inspection building. The state-of-the-art, 4,800-square-foot main office building also provides space to be used



The new commercial driver's license supersite in Hannibal, MO, is pictured.

as a zone office for troopers assigned to Marion and Ralls counties.

Colonel Ron Replogle retired on May 1, 2015, after 31 years of dedicated service.

Governor Jay Nixon promoted J. Bret Johnson to the rank of colonel and appointed him the 22nd superintendent of the Patrol effective May 1, 2015.

Colonel J. Bret Johnson communicated five basic policing strategies as a focus of his tenure: traffic safety and service, waterway safety, crimes against persons and property, advancing available technology, and sound departmental management through building community partnerships. As part of his focus, he and local faith leaders have spoken at unity services about the importance of focusing on what the community and law enforcement have in common. "As leaders, we must do everything we can to maintain public trust and remain accountable, transparent, and inclusive," said Col. Johnson.

The Career Recruitment Division was formed on May 1, 2015. This division's main responsibility includes recruiting civilian and uniformed employees. The division employees also cultivate partnerships with diverse groups and organizations, building long-term relationships with young people in order to provide them with information regarding the wide range of career opportunities within the Patrol.



Colonel J. Bret Johnson

The Patrol's Troop E Honor Guard sent a team to compete during National Police Week. The guard traveled to Washington, D.C., for the May 14 competition, which included three phases:

inspection, color guard, and exhibition. This was the first time the Patrol sent a team to compete in the National Honor Guard Competition and Troop E's Honor Guard was honored to represent the organization.

The Patrol's 100th Recruit Class graduated June 26, 2015, with the expected celebration. What was unexpected was to have six Missouri State Highway Patrol colonels (five retired) at the graduation. The Patrol commissioned 32 new troopers during the ceremony. The 101st Recruit Class graduated December 18, 2015. The Patrol commissioned 25 new troopers during the ceremony.

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Cpl. Charles W. Hoff, Troop A, answers questions during the 2015 Kansas City Boat Show.

Director Lane Roberts named Trooper Darrin R. Haslag, Q/DDCC, the May 2015 DPS Employee of the Month. Tpr. Haslag was recognized for his work investigating a former Gasconade County deputy sheriff at the request of the current sheriff. During the course of the nearly two-year investigation, Tpr. Haslag gained the confidence of numerous victims, who were sexually assaulted from June 2010 through August 2012. Evidence was obtained suggesting the suspect used his power as a law enforcement officer to conduct the sexual assaults. Tpr. Haslag identified a second suspect, conducted search warrants, followed leads, and identified victims. During the investigation, approximately 85 potential victims were identified. On January 27, 2015, both suspects were arrested and charged with multiple felonies each. Some of the charges include first degree rape, public servant acceding to corruption, and use of a child in a sexual performance.

Superintendent Craig Gillard, of the Victoria [Australia] State Police visited the Division of Drug and Crime Control to meet with the Rural Crimes Investigative Unit on June 23, 2015. The purpose of his trip was to study emerging and innovative crime prevention practices related to rural crime. He chose to meet with the RCIU because of its success in a short amount of time. Supt. Gillard planned to use the Patrol's RCIU as a model when creating a unit of agricultural liaison officers.



Troop E Honor Guard stands silently during the inspection portion of the National Honor Guard competition during National Police Week in Washington, D.C.

Troop H replaced two commercial motor vehicle scale platforms (Post H4 South, Atchison County, and Post H2 South, Harrison County) with a state-of-the-art, three platform scale. This new scale will have a digital readout made available outside the scale house. Commercial motor vehicle drivers will be able to see their axle weights and gross weight while still sitting in their vehicles.

After being closed since 2003, the training tank reopened in 2015. Members of the 101st Recruit Class used the training tank on July 20, 2015, as part of their training. At the same time the training tank was repaired, a strength training room and defensive tactics room were constructed adjacent to the tank. These facilities will provide a convenient location for Patrol employees and other public safety personnel to receive invaluable water safety

and tactical training. On August 5, 2015, the Missouri State Highway Patrol training tank was dedicated in memory of Trooper Frederick F. Guthrie Jr., who made the ultimate sacrifice on August 1, 2011.

On August 28, 2015, Trooper James M. Bava was



Workers pour concrete at the approach of the Post H2 weigh station.

killed in a one-vehicle traffic crash in Audrain County. At 8:29 a.m., Tpr. Bava radioed he observed a motorcyclist commit a traffic violation on Missouri Route FF in Audrain County. A few minutes later, communications operators at Troop F Headquarters in Jefferson City attempted to contact Tpr. Bava by radio and did not receive a response. At 8:35 a.m., Troop F received a report regarding a Missouri State Highway Patrol vehicle being involved in a single vehicle crash on Route FF, just east of Audrain Road 977. Emergency responders arrived on the scene and confirmed Tpr. Bava had been killed in the crash.

In November 2015, the Audrain County Prosecuting Attorney's Office charged a 20-year-old Mexico, MO, man with second-degree murder, resisting a lawful stop, resisting a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol in discharge of his official duties, careless and imprudent driving, exceeding the speed limit, and failure to register a motor vehicle with the Department of Revenue.

Trooper James M. Bava, 25, was the 31st member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to lose his life in the line of duty. He is survived by his fiancée, parents, three sisters, and a brother.

The Patrol celebrated 50 years of diversity on November 2, with a gathering in the Academy gymnasium. Mr. David J. McPherson, Missouri's first black trooper, served as keynote speaker at the event. Colonel J. Bret Johnson extended his greetings to everyone present and reiterated his commitment to recruiting qualified minorities and females.

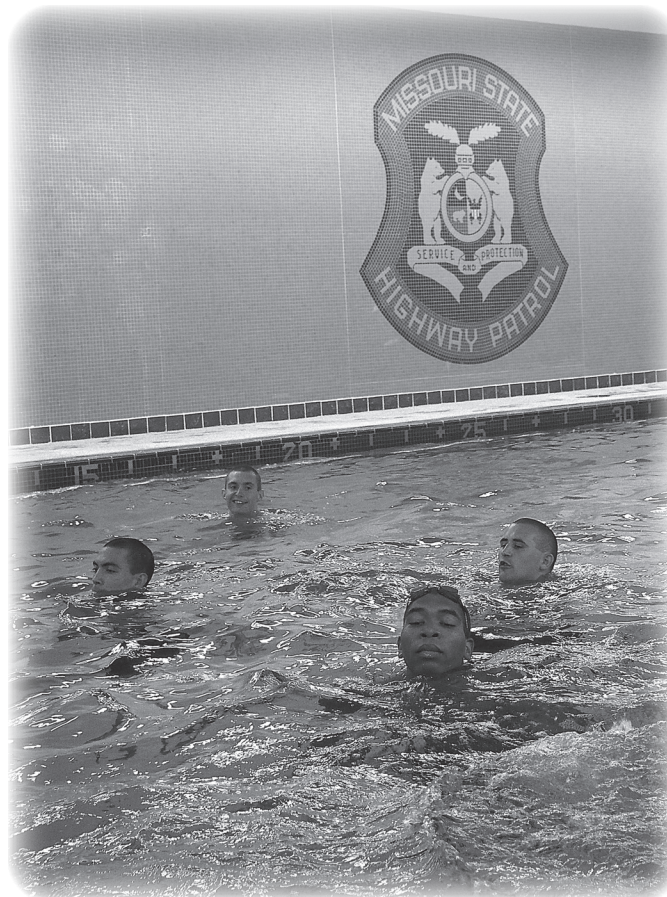
The Missouri Automated Criminal History Site Fingerprint Portal team accepted a Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity in the area of efficiency/process improvement. The MACHS Fingerprint Portal team created a



Trooper James M. Bava

new system that allows the state to electronically process fingerprint-based background checks. This new system allowed for the reduction of positions and man-hours previously dedicated to manually processing such checks. MACHS enhanced the state agencies' abilities to make timely hiring and/or licensing decisions based on fingerprint-based background checks results.

Severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and record flooding occurred during late



On July 20, 2015, members of the 101st Recruit Class christened the training tank. While in the Academy, recruits are trained in the elementary freestyle (American crawl), breaststroke, side stroke, and elementary backstroke. They also attend classroom training on marine laws and boater safety. In this photo, they are treading water.



Those attending the diversity celebration enjoyed meeting the McPherson family. Pictured with the McPherson family are members of the Career Recruitment Division, which planned the event.

December 2015. The adverse weather affected Troops C, D, F, G, and I, and resulted in 33 Missouri counties being awarded federal disaster assistance. From December 26-30, troopers rescued 41 people from fast moving flood waters after either they or their cars were swept away. The flooding was directly responsible for 14 fatalities.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol entered the realm of social media with the creation of Twitter accounts and re-activation of a Facebook page. A social media specialist position was created in order to share and tweet safety information and items related to the agency's mission and core values. The first tweet invited the public to view a recruiting video; the second wished everyone a happy new year. Twitter accounts for GHQ, all nine troops, DDCC, recruiting, and the colonel began communicating to the public on December 31, 2015.



Gov. Award – Col. J. Bret Johnson stands with the MACHS Fingerprint Portal team after the team accepted a Governor's Award for Quality & Productivity.